# Despite what politicians, the press, and the public may believe, Federal employees are remarkably competent and dedicated...... with only a few exceptions.

Join the Seattle Federal Executive Board and Government Personnel Services for a two-day seminar designed for Federal supervisors, managers, and union officials:

# "Dealing With Performance and Conduct Issues"

When: September 15-16, 2004 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Federal Office Building, 909 First Ave.,

Room 90, Seattle, Washington

Cost: \$250 per person

Upon leaving this seminar you will...

Know where to begin	Understand performance-based actions
	("Unacceptable" ratings) and performance
	improvement plans (PIPs) when they are
	appropriate and how cases are proven.
Have a sensible framework for deciding when	Recognize the intent, efficiency and likely
corrective action is and isn't appropriate.	outcomes relating to terminating an employee
	during the probationary period.
Understand the pluses and minuses of using the	Know how the Employee Assistance Program
government's disciplinary procedures.	works from the inside, and how best to refer
	symptomatic employees.
Know how discipline and performance cases can	Be able to develop a "Plan of Action" that focuses
be proven to judges and arbitrators.	on both the past and future behavior of an
	employee.
Be aware of how "union agreements" and labor	Be familiar with alternative dispute resolution
law can affect management actions.	options and specifically how low-cost mediation
Know how EEO cases are proven in court or	services might preclude adversarial and litigious
before Federal administrative judges.	situations.

### **Your Instructor:**

Robbie Kunreuther is a Seattle resident and former Labor and Employee Relations Specialist with the Department of the Navy. He also worked for the Social Security Administration. Robbie has the practical experience of having dealt with performance and conduct issues in a large (8,000-9,000 GS and WG employee) activity. He also has the perspective of an author and certified mediator.

Robbie has been the Director of Government Personnel Services since 1990 and was Associate Director of the Federal Personnel Management Institute (FPMI) prior to that. He has presented seminars to thousands of Federal supervisors, managers, and union officials. Robbie has had to fire Federal employees and prove cases before the Merit Systems Protection Board, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and labor arbitrators. His classes are informative, insightful, funny, and pragmatic.

## Evaluation comments from sessions held earlier this year:

"Excellent material, you can actually use the information on the job. Clear, concise great examples. Simple breakdown makes the concepts easy to use."

"This has been one of the most fascinating and informative classes I have ever attended. Frankly, I could have used this course 10 years ago. Robbie -- you are a captivating and motivating speaker whose knowledge of the subject matter is broad and deep."

"I wasn't bored and for a moment. I appreciated your enthusiasm, your teaching style, and the depth to which we penetrated the subjects. Also your flexibility in allowing the questions to steer your direction. You responded to each question without overindulging."

\*Seating is limited. Reserve your space now. No refunds after September 1. Substitutions will be accepted after the deadline. Agencies/Attendees will be billed for "no-shows."

# Four easy ways to enroll:

- **Telephone:** Please have complete information ready (refer to bottom of form). Call (206) 220-6171.
- Fax: Fax your completed registration form to (206) 220-6132.
- **Email:** Email your completed registration form to <u>seattlefeb@gsa.gov</u>.
- Mail: Return registration form to: The Seattle Federal Executive Board, 915 Second Avenue, Room 2942

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